

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Title: **MULTI-ITEM HOLDER DEVICE**
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Application Serial No.: **10/715,669** Examiner: **Robert J. Sandy**
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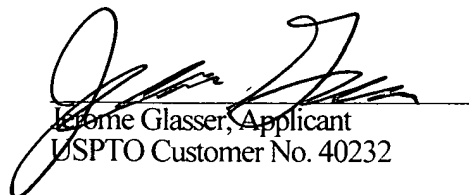
APPLICANT'S REPORT OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER HELD ON 9/16/10

Applicant spoke with the Examiner, who was quite gracious to take time to speak with a grateful Applicant, and while the Examiner's having patiently taken considerable time to instruct Applicant regarding technicalities pertaining to U.S. Patent Application prosecution, the particularly relevant topics discussed were:

- the value towards allowance of Claim 51's being rewritten to include limitations as an Independent Claim;
- proper claim language to reflect the sides of planar members to make clear the location of a magnetic element;
- proper claim language for amending Claim 50 to overcome Examiner's correct grammatical objection;
- Applicant's contention that Maharg or one of ordinary skill would not have been motivated to contemplate producing the Maharg "clamp" in two separate pieces benefitting from being glued together since it could be integrally molded in one piece from one type of material, likely a metal, and that production in one piece would afford enhanced structural strength since production in two pieces would produce a weaker structure, further weakened by screw holes; thus, gluing separate Maharg members 11 and 12 with ribs 17 would not produce the same end result of Maharg's claimed device since glue would produce a weaker device than a unitary element; moreover, to the contrary, gluing does solve a problem in Applicant's disclosure in that if one or both substantially planar members is metal or wood, sonic welding would not permit the joining thereof, and if a combination translucent plastic and metal is desired, for instance, sonic welding would not permit such joining;
- that Maharg requires affixing poles for vertical display, whereas the device of Applicant's disclosure has no such pole requirement and may, in fact, be perfectly functional laid-out horizontally on a surface such as a table;
- that a manufacturer has expressed an interest in the device of Applicant's disclosure, but that Applicant has preferred to await disposition of this patent prosecution prior to divulgence;
- the process for filing a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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